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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS, KS, OREP (BRADY/PITCHFORD)

SUBJECT: STAFFDEL ASK ABOUT FIRING ON ROK FREIGHTER

1. DURING JUNE 20-25 VISIT TO SEOUL HFAC STAFF MEMBER JOHN BRADY ASKED EMBASSY AND MOFA ABOUT MJSAN-HO, ROK FLAG FREIGHTER FIRED ON BY COMMUNIST VESSEL NEAR CAMBODIA ON MAY 4. BRADY WAS INTERESTED IN SASAN-HO AS IT RELATED TO MAY 12 MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT AND FROM HIS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS SEEMS CLEAR HE WAS TRYING TO ESTABLISH WHETHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND COMMERCIAL SHIPPING COMPANIES WERE NOTIFIED OF MASAN-HO INCIDENT AND DANGER IT ILLUSTRATED IN CAMBODIAN WATERS.

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS MOFA AND EMBASSY BOTH CONFIRMED THAT REPORTS OF MASAN-HO ATTACK WERE FIRST RECEIVED IN SEOUL LATE EVENING MAY 4 (LOCAL TIME) AND THAT MOFA SUBSEQUENTLY REQUESTED US ASSISTANCE FROM EMBASSY EARLY MORNING, MAY 5. ALMOST IMMEDIATELY THEREAFTER FURTHER REPORTS FROM ROK MILITARY AND LATER US NAVY SOURCES INDICATED MASAN-HO HAD ESCAPED DANGER. BRADY WAS TOLD THAT IN ANY CASE MAY 5 POL COUNSELOR TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTER TO REPORT OUTLINE OF EVENTS AND THAT UN COMMAND HAD RECEIVED COPIES OF US NAVY MESSAGES IN WHICH
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WASHINGTON NOTIFIED OF AFFAIR. WE SAID WE HAD NOT

NOTIFIED ANY SHIPPING COMPANIES. MOFA TOLD BRADY THAT IT
HAD BRIEFED ITS OWN SHIPPING COMPANIES THROUGH MARITIME
AUTHORITIES BUT NO ONE ELSE.

3. WE EXPECT BRADY WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES ON
RETURN TO WASHINGTON.

4. SUMMARY STAFFDEL VISIT FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.
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